

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment before beginning examination of the above-identified patent application, and early favorable action by the Examiner.

After entry of this amendment, claims 1–11, 15, and 17–19 will be pending. Claims 12–14 and 16 have been cancelled, claim 19 has been added, and claims 1–11, 15, and 17–18 have been amended to conform the nomenclature to proper claim drafting practice. Support for the claim amendments may be found, for example, in the originally filed claims of application PCT/US2004/040698, as well as in the figures of the application.

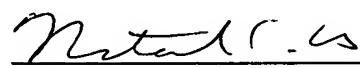
Enclosed is a check for \$1000 for the filing, search, and examination fees. Applicants believe no additional fees are due. If any other fees are owed, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 570-1806.

Respectfully submitted,

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